

***What Is Claimed Is:***

1. Use of a polypeptide for the preparation of a diagnostic or pharmaceutical composition for diagnosing or treating a medical condition, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or a full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(b) a predicted secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or a secreted form of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(c) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(d) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A, wherein said fragment has biological activity;

(e) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B;

(f) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 2; and

(g) a predicted epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B.

2. Use of the polypeptide of claim 1, wherein said wherein said polypeptide comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

3. Use of an antibody or fragment thereof for the preparation of a diagnostic or pharmaceutical composition for diagnosing or treating a medical condition, wherein said antibody or fragment thereof binds a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or a full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(b) a predicted secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or a secreted form of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(c) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(d) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A, wherein said fragment has biological activity;

(e) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B;

(f) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 2; and

(g) a predicted epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B.

4. Use of a nucleic acid molecule for the preparation of a diagnostic or pharmaceutical composition for diagnosing or treating a medical condition, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a polynucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide fragment of SEQ ID NO:X as referenced in Table 1A;

(b) a polynucleotide encoding a full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or a full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a predicted secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or a secreted form of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(e) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A, wherein said fragment has biological activity;

(f) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B;

(g) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 2; and

(h) a polynucleotide encoding a predicted epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B.

5. Use of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 4, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a heterologous polynucleotide sequence.

6. Use of an agonist or antagonist for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for treating a medical condition, wherein said agonist or antagonist binds a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or a full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(b) a predicted secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or a secreted form of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(c) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(d) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A, wherein said fragment has biological activity;

(e) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B;

- (f) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 2; and
- (g) a predicted epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B.

7. A polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or a full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;
- (b) a predicted secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or a secreted form of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;
- (c) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;
- (d) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A, wherein said fragment has biological activity;
- (e) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B;
- (f) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 2; and
- (g) a predicted epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B.

8. The polypeptide of claim 7, wherein said polypeptide comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

9. Use of the polypeptide of claim 7 for identifying a binding partner comprising:

- (a) contacting the polypeptide of claim 7 with a binding partner; and
- (b) determining whether the binding partner increases or decreases activity of the polypeptide.

10. An antibody or fragment thereof that binds a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or a full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(b) a predicted secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or a secreted form of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(c) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(d) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A, wherein said fragment has biological activity;

(e) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B;

(f) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 2; and

(g) a predicted epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B.

11. A nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polynucleotide fragment of SEQ ID NO:X as referenced in Table 1A;

(b) a polynucleotide encoding a full length polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or a full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(c) a polynucleotide encoding a predicted secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or a secreted form of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(d) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A;

(e) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA Clone ID in ATCC Deposit No:Z corresponding to SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1A, wherein said fragment has biological activity;

(f) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B;

(g) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 2; and

(h) a polynucleotide encoding a predicted epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y as referenced in Table 1B.

12. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 11, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises a heterologous polynucleotide sequence.

13. A recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 11.

14. A recombinant host cell comprising the recombinant vector of claim 13.